Workers engaged in plucking of Tendu leaves, Sal seeds etc.

2060. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the number of workers engaged in plucking the Tendu leaves, Sal seeds and Mahua leaves in Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Orissa, Bihar and Andhra Pradesh;

(b) whether majority of them belong to tribal community and also most of them are women; and

(c) whether these forest and private forest workers are not getting the minimum wages?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI MUNI LALL): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Number of construction workers

2061. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the number of construction workers in the country, State-wise;

(b) whether the number of construction workers has drastically decreased due to introduction of modern equipments;

(c) whether it is a fact that more than 45 per cent of the Budget allocation is spent for construction activity in various departments; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI MUNI LALL): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.